

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

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### Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

It was wonderful on Sunday to welcome our Archdeacon, Stephen Pullin, who shared a sermon on glory. Stephen commented on Street's beautiful building, which was for worship to the glory of God, and as we think of the buildings surrounding the quadrangle, a complex that encouraged the education of the young and pastoral care for those who seek support. Archdeacon Stephen was preaching, in a way, about how we, the baptised people of God (note the sending out on many of our New Booklets) are called to be a light to the world or to reflect God's glory into the wider community. (Look at the website for the Minster Church of St Mary, the Virgin in Reading, where Stephen served.) Following his sermon, Stephen licensed Fr John Ainslie in his ministry with us at All Saints.

Fr John joining us alongside people from All Saints showing commitment to the Body of Christ, represents the real opportunity we have, to share God's glory to the world. At the end of the Eucharist, we proclaim 'we go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.' To talk sacramentally, we 'Partake of the Body of Christ to become the Body of Christ,' – Henri de Lubac. This is the 'Communion model of the Church' and it focuses on the idea that we are drawn into communion with God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the breaking of the bread and into relationship with each other. We need the theology of community not individualism.

Some people say it's coincidence, others, like me, think it's the Holy Spirit when we think on a theme and the bible and experiences from life enlighten the thought process. Next weekend's Epistle is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 12. 12-31a. Paul offers the image of church as a body. A body doesn't function fully if each part doesn't work together. Every part of the body has a role in the function of the community. When I was at school in summer terms when I was supposed to study for exams, I became very good at gardening or washing the dishes, things I used to hate the rest of the year. I would talk myself out of studying because I believed I had little to offer compared to the gifts of others. Paul does not allow that kind of thinking. We all have a part to play in this pilgrim journey through life reflecting the glory of God.

For my second piece of coincidence or God's Spirit I read the Church Times. (That in itself doesn't happen often!) I read an article from Paul Vallely. His article claimed to be concerning the theology of the individual versus the theology of the community. I am not fooled though, he wanted to talk about football rather than faith for a change and anyone that has had a flavour of my blogs will know that sport features frequently. Vallely is clearly a Manchester United supporter who has basked in the glory of 26 years of success under Sir Alex Ferguson, perhaps the greatest football manager of all time. Since Ferguson retired the once inspired United have become individualistic. Ferguson believed that every player, indeed every person at the club

played an important part within the Club. Valley's argument was that Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, who once scored a dramatic late goal to help win United the European Champions League had revived the team by rebuilding its spirit. The article defended the use of football by highlighting the fact that many professional clubs were formed in Victorian times by churches (with the Christian idea of community) to keep people out of the pubs. Canon Drummond offered Boyne Hill a cricket Club to keep our locals from the Windsor Castle and Pond House!

Valley blames the demise of poor old Ole (and Manchester United) on the 'prima donna', individualistic Cristiano Ronaldo who has corroded the team spirit. I am not sure the scorer of 800 plus professional goals, over 100 international goals, winner of five Champions Leagues (One with United under Ferguson), winner of domestic leagues in England, Spain and Italy could achieve all this without playing within a team and for a team. However, it is clearly the case that for a team to be successful just like community we need to 'Be in it together!' playing our part and supporting and encouraging others.

As we begin this New Year, please take time to pray and discern how might you play a part within the Body of Christ. How might you offer humbly your gifts and at the same time encourage others to use their gifts to help the community of All Saints 'To go into the world to walk in God's light, rejoice in God's love and reflect God's glory. If there is a budding Ronaldo out there, I'm happy to have you on the team but try to encourage those of us who might not be quite so talented!

## RESOURCES

- Thursday 20 January**    *2.45pm Open the Book at All Saints School*  
**7.30pm Street Angels training on conflict management in the Parish Centre.**  
Anyone interested in finding out more about the Street Angels please let me know.  
**8.00pm Choir Practice NOT in the Parish Centre**
- Friday 21**                    **10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre** *The Boy Jesus Goes On Holiday*  
**12.30pm Funeral of Ruth Rassel**
- Sunday 23**                    **10.00am Eucharist for the Third Sunday of Epiphany**  
  
**12 noon Holy Baptism** Please pray for Stefan William Lungu , his parents and godparents.
- Monday 24**                    *7.45pm Sustainability/ Eco Church meeting at the Vicarage*
- Tuesday 25**                    *9.00am Open the Book at Larchfield School*  
*9.30am Eucharist at Burnham Abbey*
- Wednesday 26**              **10.00am Eucharist BCP**  
For anyone missing the old Sunday 8.00am BCP service the last Wednesday of the month will now be BCP  
**1.30pm Funeral of Joan Poolman**

Joan played a large part in many community projects including Meals on Wheels and Larchfield Open Table. Joan was a worshipper at St George's Church in Larchfield before coming to All Saints. Please support the family with your prayers at this time. The Committal will be at 3.00pm at Slough Crematorium, and after that the family warmly invite people to share memories of Joan with them at the Ivy League Club, Holmanleaze, Maidenhead

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

God of heaven and earth, we kneel in adoration before the mystery made manifest in your Son, Jesus, who stood with us, as one of us. So, we stand with one another in adoring you by living the way of love and life he showed us, setting us free to serve in the fulness of your grace. Amen.

God, you call us to be the body of Christ in this place. Side by side, hand in hand, help us to stand together, to stand with our neighbours, to break free from all that holds us back from making the world as you want it to be in Jesus' name. Amen.

We pray that following our Baptismal promises we will go forth to channel God's love. May we walk in God's light, rejoice in God's love and reflect God's glory.

We pray for all those in need. We remember Suzette, Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents, Ann and Chris his in-laws, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, Doreen Hill, John Hicks, Christel Kirschner, Ursula Hutchison, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner and Carol Aitkin. May they all know God's healing presence.

We pray for those being baptised this Sunday. We pray for Stefan Lungo and his parents Catherine Deal and Florian Lungo.

We commend to your love those who, washed in the water of Baptism, were close to you in this life and are now with you in eternal life. We pray for Joan Poolman, Ruth Rassel, and all our departed loved ones and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

*May we all be blessed by God's love this Epiphany Tide*

*Fr Jeremy*

## Worship for Sunday 23 January The Third Sunday of Epiphany

### COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen

### EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 12: 12—31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same

care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

### **GOSPEL Luke 4: 14 – 21**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

### **Saturday 19 February from 10.00am – 12.15pm in the Parish Centre Sustainability Open Morning - Caring for God's Earth as Christians**

Informative and fun. Including Biblical context, guest speaker, Fairtrade coffee and tea tasting, discussions, hints and tips.

If you're interested in knowing more about what we are planning to do as a church and how you can contribute, please look out for the sign-up list at the back of Church.

### **Flowers for 2022**

There are still a few weeks left on the Flower Rota on the cross-aisle table; do add your name if there is a week you would like to sponsor. Barbara has handed over the Flower Accounts to Stella Harding, so please give your Sponsor donation to Stella and inform her of any colour or flower preference you might have, and we will do our best to accommodate.

*The Flower Team*

### **CAFÉ OLÉ**

Isn't it lovely to see people sitting at the tables enjoying refreshments at the back of church on Sunday and Wednesday mornings? Unfortunately there aren't really enough folk to provide the Sunday ones every week so those who have volunteered are being asked to help once a month which is a bit much. Just another couple of teams would stretch it to once every six weeks. You only need to provide the milk and some biscuits; everything else is there. If you'd like more information email [nickkirk2002@hotmail.com](mailto:nickkirk2002@hotmail.com) or ask whoever's on duty that week.

### **WAMCF Ladies' Group Monday 31 January 7.30pm on Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81359777332?pwd=SOJBMXB6QmhoVWQ1S29LRGxaSzNCUT09>

Meeting ID: 813 5977 7332 Passcode: 802558

After an initial presentation ladies will be invited to share their own examples of women of faith and courage from their own faiths.